

(b) whether it is also a fact that ultimately the programmes made by Information and Broadcasting are not used;

(c) if so, what are the reasons for spending such a hopping amount; and

(d) what are the reasons for not paying money, instead of paying for salaries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) Funds are being released to the Media Units of Ministry of Information & Broadcasting towards salary and programme activities. Details of funds allocated during the last 3 years are:

1997-98	Rs. 700.00 Lakhs
1998-99	Rs. 1207.00 Lakhs
1999-2000	Rs. 1025.00 Lakhs

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Family Welfare Units have been established in five Media Units of Ministry of Information & Broadcasting for production and mass publicity of the Family Welfare related programmes. These Units are paid not only for salaries but also for production of programmes for publicity.

Private Homoeopathic Colleges

2218. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that private homoeopathic colleges are not eligible for financial assistance for construction of college buildings under the Grant-in-aid scheme for strengthening of the existing under-graduate colleges of Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy during Ninth Five Year Plan, as per a circular dated 23rd December, 1999;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government would consider the applications submitted earlier to the said circular, requesting for Grant-in-aid for construction of college buildings and sanction the grant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) As per revised scheme, private colleges of Indian Systems of medicine & Homoeopathy are not eligible for assistance for construction of building etc.

(b) Keeping in view the priorities and resources, any state-run and state aided colleges are provided assistance for construction work.

(c) There is no such proposal.

Investigation against Advisor of ISM

2219. SHRI KHAN GHUFARAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any investigation is pending against any of the advisors of Indian System of Medicines (ISM); and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) Allegation of misuse of official position are under examination as per procedure.

Disposal of Hospital Wastes

2220. SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM:

SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the menace of disposal of hospital wastes other than through incinerator has assumed colossal proportion in the country;

(b) if so, the number of cases reported or registered in different States, including those with respect to National Institutes and Government hospitals and health centres;

(c) the modes of clandestine disposal of such waste adopted; and

(d) the effective steps adopted to prevent such disposal of wastes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]:

(a) No such specific instances have come to the notice of this ministry.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.